

## The Division of Nursing and Health Services

### ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The Division of Nursing and Health Services is an integral part of the college and offers educational opportunities to qualified individuals who seek a career in nursing. A student pursues a planned course of study, which will help him/her develop intellectually, emotionally, and socially in preparation for nursing practice as a registered nurse (RN).

The associate degree program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission and approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing. The nursing program provides a curriculum, which assists an individual to give safe, effective nursing care to culturally diverse clients in a variety of health care settings. The registered nurse functions as a member of the health care team in promoting and restoring optimal health. The program consists of courses in nursing Fundamentals, Health & Physical Assessment, Medical/Surgical, Maternal-Child & Women's Health, Pediatric, Mental health and Leadership Management Nursing. A variety of teaching/learning strategies are utilized throughout the program. In addition to the classroom hours, the student will participate in clinical, skills, and computer laboratory experiences.

Abraham Baldwin College offers a Generic RN Track and a One Year Registered Nurse Program Track. The Generic Track is the six semester traditional nursing program for any student who meets the admission criteria. The One Year Registered Nurse Program Track is offered to provide the licensed practical nurse, registered paramedic, respiratory therapist and certified surgical technician with an opportunity for advanced placement. A student successfully completing NURS 1115 Transition to Associate Degree Nursing, NURS 1109B Health & Physical Assessment may enroll in the sophomore nursing sequence.

Prospective students need to be aware that clinical, skills and computer laboratory experiences may be taught during day, evening or night hours and at different locations based on the availability of appropriate learning experiences for each nursing course. Certain hours for clinical, skills or computer laboratory experiences cannot be guaranteed. Transportation to clinical sites is the responsibility of the student. Students may be subjected to criminal background checks, expanded medical profiles, and random drug screens based on individual clinical agency requirements.

Students must complete several general education courses to be eligible for admission into the nursing program. Because of the academically demanding program of study in the nursing curriculum, it is highly recommended that a student who anticipates enrolling in the nursing program complete as many additional general education courses as possible prior to admission.

The College offers many extra-curricular activities, which supplement the academic program and provide leadership and diversional opportunities. A nursing student is encouraged to be active in the Abraham Baldwin College Chapter of the Georgia Association of Nursing Students (GANS) and to participate in other college related activities.

Upon graduation the student receives the Associate of Science in Nursing Degree and is eligible to apply to take the examination for licensure as a registered nurse (RN). Permission to take the licensing examination is granted by the state examining board. Graduates who have been arrested/convicted of a moral and/or legal violation of the law may not be granted permission to take the licensing examination.

## Program Outcomes

The nursing graduate will:

1. Demonstrate a knowledge of nursing practice necessary for performance as an entry level registered nurse.
2. Demonstrate the ability to function as an associate degree nurse in the roles of provider of care, manager of care, and member within the discipline of nursing.
3. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in the utilization of the nursing process to meet the needs of culturally diverse clients.
4. Demonstrate the ability to practice in diverse health care settings.
5. Participate in activities which support the value of life-long learning.

## STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION AND RETENTION

To enter the nursing program, a student must first be admitted to the college. Admission to the college, however, does not guarantee admission into the nursing program, a separate letter from the Division of Nursing and Health Services will be sent to the student upon acceptance into the program. A candidate for the Associate Degree in Nursing must possess assessment, communication, psychomotor, and behavioral skills. Reasonable accommodations may be made for some disabilities. However, each candidate is expected to perform in a safe and reasonably independent manner as demonstrated by:

\*1. Assessment – A candidate must be able to assess a client accurately.

Examples of assessment include:

- Listening to heart and breath sounds
- Visualizing the appearance of a surgical wound
- Detecting the presence of a foul odor
- Palpating an abdomen

2. Communication – A candidate must be able to interact therapeutically with clients and to communicate effectively with other members of the health care team.

Examples of effective communication include:

- Writing clearly and neatly in charts and other sources of documentation
- Reading and interpreting physician orders
- Hearing/seeing a nurse call bell and emergency alarms
- Hearing the telephone and accepting phone orders correctly
- Hearing a client calling for help
- Reading fine or small print on medication containers
- Perceiving non – verbal communication
- Visually assessing and describing client situations

3. Psychomotor – A candidate must have adequate psychomotor function to work effectively with nursing problems and issues and carry out related nursing care.

Examples of nursing care and psychomotor function include:

- Assisting clients with daily hygiene care
- Moving, ambulating and positioning clients
- Performing invasive procedure such as venipuncture and urinary catheterization
- Administering intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and oral medications
- Applying pressure to stop bleeding
- Lifting heavy objects at least three times each day
- Standing for long periods of time and working at a fast pace
- Demonstrating manual dexterity
- Demonstrating the use of various equipment and instruments in the care of clients

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- Working alternating shifts of 8 – 12 hours on days, evenings, or nights
4. Behavioral – A candidate must have the emotional health required to maximize his/her intellectual abilities. Candidates must be able to tolerate physically demanding workloads and to function effectively during stressful situation. All candidates must be able to adapt to ever-changing environments, which require flexibility, interaction skills, and ability to function in the case of uncertainty that is inherent in the nursing profession. Other examples include:
- Acting ethically
  - Exercising sound clinical judgment
  - Being compassionate and displaying empathy
  - Separating own needs and experiences to be able to provide objective non-judgmental client care
  - Responding appropriately to stressful situations and in emergency situations (physically, emotionally, and mentally)

\*Adapted from Medical College of Georgia's catalog.

Generic Track students are admitted to the nursing program twice a year, at the beginning of fall and spring semesters. One Year Registered Nurse Program Track students are admitted once a year at the beginning of the summer semester.

Deadline dates for application to the nursing program are as follows: a) Generic Track: March 15 (Fall admission) or September 15 (Spring admission); b) One Year Registered Nurse Program Track: February 15. Applications received after these dates will be considered only if vacancies remain.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Admission** to the nursing program is academically competitive and will be based on academic qualifications. When space limits the acceptance of all qualified applicants, those meeting the minimum requirements will be ranked according to their grade point average. This ranking will determine admission status. **Minimum requirements** for consideration for admission are as follows:

1. Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II and the corresponding labs must have been completed within the five (5) years prior to initial admission into the nursing program.
2. Pharmacology for Health Professions must have been completed within one (1) year prior to initial admission into the nursing program. This course is not transferable from another institution and must be taken at ABAC.
3. Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II and Microbiology and the corresponding labs and Pharmacology for Health Professions may be repeated **one time only**. Failed courses that are more than five (5) years old can be repeated. After successful completion of the course(s), the student may apply to the nursing program.
4. A student must achieve a minimum grade of a C in all core courses applicable to the nursing program.
5. A student who has received two failures at another nursing program(s) will not be eligible for admission into ABAC's nursing programs.
6. Students will be required to adhere to the Policy & Procedure Manual for Nursing Students in force at the time of admission into the Nursing Program.
7. Students must meet the graduation requirements as listed in a single ABAC catalog which is not more than five years old at the time of their graduation and which is in effect for a term during which they earned academic credit at ABAC.
8. In addition to the immunizations required for admission to the college, a student must show current immunization to Hepatitis B (through completion of the

- Hepatitis B immunization series or titer screening) or be in the process of completing the HBV series of immunizations before attending clinical laboratory. It is highly recommended that a student have an antibody screening test performed following completion of the HBV series to show adequacy of immunization. A student choosing not to take the HBV series must sign a disclaimer.
9. All nursing students must have a PPD skin test within the past year prior to entering the nursing program or a chest x-ray within the past 3 years. The PPD skin test or chest x-ray must be updated as recommended by the CDC until graduation.
  10. A student must have current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (must include infant, child & adult CPR) and current malpractice insurance while enrolled in the nursing program.
  11. Students are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screen prior to entry into the nursing program.
  12. A candidate for the Generic Track must meet all of the above admission requirements (#1-11) plus the following additional requirements:
    - a. A student with a minimum composite SAT score of 850 or a composite ACT score of 18 and a minimum 2.50 grade point average (GPA), is eligible to enter the program after successful completion of Pharmacology for Health Professions, Human Anatomy & Physiology I, and Introduction to General Psychology each with a C or better. All other core course requirements will be finished while completing the nursing sequence.
    - b. A student without the minimum composite SAT or ACT score is required to have a minimum 2.50 grade point average (GPA) on a minimum of 20 semester hours of core courses applicable to the nursing curriculum. The 20 hours **must include** Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II and corresponding labs, Pharmacology for Health Professions, and Introduction to General Psychology with a grade of C or better. All other core course requirements will be finished while completing the nursing sequence.
    - c. Only core courses required for the associate degree nursing program will be used to calculate the grade point average. Grades achieved in **each attempt** will be used in the calculation of this grade point average.
    - d. Students who have been rejected due to limited program space and GPA ranking may have BSN level and PNUR core courses counted in the calculation of their GPA if all program core courses have been completed.
    - e. Grades of D, F, or WF in core courses applicable to the associate degree nursing program that are older than 10 years will not be calculated in the admission/readmission GPA.
    - f. A student who is not required to take the SAT or ACT by the college (a student who has been out of high school for five or more years) may elect to take one of these tests in order to achieve the minimum score required for nursing or may elect to take the 20 hours, as described above.
    - g. A student with a previously earned bachelor's or higher degree may enter the program with a minimum 2.50 grade point average and successful completion of Pharmacology for Health Professions, Human Anatomy and Physiology I and corresponding lab, and Introduction to General Psychology each with a C or better.
  13. A candidate for the One Year Registered Nurse Program Track must meet all of the above admission requirements (#1-11) plus the following additional requirements:
    - a. A student must hold current licensure or certification as a practical nurse, paramedic, respiratory therapist, or surgical technician in the state of

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- Georgia.
- b. A student must successfully complete all core course requirements prior to entering the nursing program.
  - c. A student must have a minimum grade point average of 2.50. Only core courses required for the associate degree nursing program will be used to calculate the grade point average. Grades achieved in each attempt will be used in the calculation of this grade point average. Students who have been rejected due to limited program space and GPA ranking may have BSN level and PNUR core courses counted in the calculation of their GPA. Grades of D, F, or WF in core courses applicable to the associate degree program that are older than 10 years will not be calculated in the admission/readmission GPA.
  - d. A student must purchase One Year RN Program Review Modules and successfully complete the comprehensive and pharmacology validation exam prior to admission into the program. Students will have two attempts to successfully complete each exam. The comprehensive exam must be completed with 75% or higher and the pharmacology exam with 95% or higher. If the minimum grade is not achieved on one or both of the exams, the student is no longer eligible for the One Year RN track program. Successful completion of these exams and subsequent One Year RN track nursing courses grants the student CLEP credit for NURS 1108, NURS 1110, and NURS 1113.
  - e. Successful completion of the One Year RN track comprehensive and pharmacology validation exams are only applicable to the current year's application. If a student is not accepted due to limited program space and GPA ranking, both exams must be retaken with future applications.
  - f. Students transferring all core course credit from another institution must take a minimum of 28 semester hours at ABAC to be eligible for graduation.

### ACADEMIC PROGRESSION REGULATIONS

1. Students must achieve a minimum theory grade of 75 and a satisfactory grade in the clinical laboratory, nursing skills laboratory, and designated class activities in each nursing course in order to be admitted into the next semester of nursing.
2. A student must achieve a minimum grade of a C in all core courses applicable to the nursing program. A minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 must be maintained.
3. Human Anatomy and Physiology II must be taken as a pre-requisite or as a co-Requisite with NURS 1110. Microbiology must be taken as a pre-requisite to NURS 2207 & 2208
4. Each Human Anatomy & Physiology, Microbiology and corresponding lab courses and Pharmacology for Health Professions may be repeated **one time only**.
5. Failure in two nursing courses (same course or separate courses) in the Generic Track Program will result in dismissal from that track. Failure in one nursing course in the One Year Registered Nurse Program Track will result in dismissal from that track. A "WF" will be considered a failure.
6. If a student chooses to withdraw from a nursing course, he/she must withdraw from all co-requisite nursing courses if applicable.
7. If a student has one proven incident of gross unprofessional conduct or behavior, he/she will receive a "WF" in the course and be permanently dismissed from the nursing program without possibility of readmission.
8. Academic dishonesty will not be tolerated. Any proven occurrence may result in a course grade of "WF" and permanent dismissal from the nursing program without possibility of readmission. Refer to the college policy regarding due process for academic dishonesty.

9. Students are required to purchase the Total Testing Package. Fees for this package are equally divided over the four nursing semesters. This package includes the cost of malpractice insurance, HESI Testing Program, a midcurricular and competency validation examination, course syllabi and materials, skills laboratory equipment, and a NCLEX review course.
10. Successful completion of the HESI Mid-Curricular exam is required to exit NURS 1110 Medical Surgical One. Successful completion of the Comprehensive Competency Validation Examination is required to exit NURS 2211/2211B Nursing VIII-Entry into Professional Practice. Failure to pass the examination after two attempts will result in a grade of "D" in the course(s). Only students with a passing grade in NURS 1110, NURS 1113, NURS 2209/2209B, NURS 2210/2210B and NURS 2211/2211B will be allowed to take the examination(s). The student's initial attempt at this exam is covered under the "HESI Testing Program". If the student must re-take the exam, he/she will be responsible for the cost.
11. Completion of the Pharmacology Competency Validation according to the plan and procedure described in the Policy and Procedure Manual for Nursing Students.
12. Students must complete a criminal background check and demonstrate acceptable results from a drug screen prior to entry into the Nursing Program. Expanded medical profiles maybe required by clinical agencies which are not optional.
13. Students should be aware that any clinical facility reserves the right to subject them to random drug screens, at the expense of the facility, as outlined in the facility's policy manual. If a student refuses he/she will be required to leave the clinical facility immediately and will not be allowed to return. If a student is prohibited from returning to a clinical facility because of the results of a drug screen, the student will be subject to disciplinary action as listed in the Policy and Procedures Manual for Nursing Students.
14. A student must maintain current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification (must include infant, child & adult CPR), TB testing, Hepatitis B immunization and current malpractice insurance while enrolled in the nursing program. Proof of these must be provided to the Division of Nursing Office.
15. A student enrolled in the nursing program must adhere to the policies and procedures as outlined in the current Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual for Nursing Students. Readmitted students will be held to the Nursing Policy and Procedure Manual in effect when they are formally readmitted to the program.
16. The two-year nursing sequence must be completed within four years from the beginning of the term in which the student was initially admitted to the nursing program.

## READMISSION REQUIREMENTS

**Readmission** to the nursing program is academically competitive and will be based on academic qualifications. When space limits the readmission of all qualified students, applicants meeting the readmission requirements will be ranked according to their grade point average. This ranking will determine readmission status.

**Minimum requirements** for consideration for readmission are as follows:

1. Any student wishing to be considered for readmission must make application to the Nursing Division at least three weeks prior to the desired semester of re-entry. Applications will be reviewed by the Admission/Readmission Committee. Students who experience any break or delay in the progression through the nursing course sequence must apply for readmission to the nursing program. This includes students who have withdrawn (W) from any nursing course or have

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- earned a D or F in a nursing course.
2. Any student wishing to be considered for readmission must have a minimum 2.30 cumulative GPA (calculation based on all attempted nursing courses and all attempted core courses which are applicable to the nursing program) and meet all other initial admission criteria for the nursing program. If all ADN core courses have been completed, then any core courses applicable to the BSN and any PNUR course will also be used in the GPA calculation.
  3. Any student who has a break or delay in progression through the nursing program (failure or withdrawal) may be considered for readmission, provided criteria 1 and 2 above are met and space is available.
  4. The two-year nursing sequence must be completed within four years from the beginning of the term in which the student was initially admitted to the nursing program.
  5. Readmitted students will be held to the current Policy and Procedure Manual for Nursing Students in effect when they are formally readmitted to the program.
  6. Readmitted students must purchase the Total Testing Package the semester they are readmitted as well as all subsequent semesters.
  7. Readmitted students must meet the graduation requirements as listed in a single ABAC catalog which is not more than five years old at the time of their graduation and which is in effect for a term during which they earned academic credit at ABAC.
  8. Students who have been dismissed from the Generic Track program due to earning two failures in nursing courses may be considered for readmission **only** if criteria 1 and 2 above are met **plus** the following stipulations:
    - a. The student must become (be) a LPN, Paramedic, respiratory therapist or surgical technician and hold current licensure in the state of Georgia.
    - b. The student applies for admission to the One Year Registered Nurse Program Track, if eligible (see Admission Requirements applicable to the One Year Registered Nurse Program Track).
  9. Students who have received one failure in the One Year Registered Nurse Program Track must apply for re-admission into the Generic Track program, if eligible.
  10. Students who have received one failure in the One Year Registered Nurse Program and then receive one failure in the Generic Track Program are no longer eligible for either program.

### Cost of the Program

1. Textbooks: \$650-800 for the first semester nursing courses and \$350 or less for each subsequent semester nursing courses
2. Total Testing Package: \$225 - \$250 every semester of the nursing sequence. This package includes:
  - Course materials
  - Skills lab supplies
  - Standardized tests
  - Malpractice Insurance
  - NCLEX-RN Review Course
3. Uniforms and Accessories: \$250-300.
4. Transportation to clinical agencies: cost varies and is the responsibility of each student.
5. Georgia Board of Nursing application and NCLEX-RN exam fees: \$300 upon completion of the nursing program.
6. Graduate Nurse Pin (optional): \$100-200
7. Membership in the Abraham Baldwin College Chapter of the Georgia Association

- of Nursing Students (GANS) (optional): \$39 per year
8. Student health insurance provided by Pearce & Pearce is required unless a waiver is granted. The cost that will be charged is as follows:
    - Fall - \$358
    - Spring/Summer - \$472
    - Summer only (Bridge students) - \$203
  9. Additional expenses may be incurred during completion of the nursing program.
  10. Criminal Background check: \$40
  11. Drug Screen: \$25-\$40

**CURRICULUM FOR GENERIC TRACK  
STUDENTS ENTERING NURSING IN THE FALL**

<b>COURSES</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>SUMMER</b>		
PNUR 1104	Pharmacology For Health Professions .....	2
PSYC 1101	Introduction To General Psychology .....	3
CISM 2201	Fundamentals Of Computer Applications.....	3
BIOL 2011	Human Anatomy & Physiology I .....	3
BIOL 2011L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab I.....	1
<b>FALL</b>		
NURS 1108	Nursing I-Fundamentals.....	6
NURS 1109	Nursing II- Health & Physical Assessment.....	3
ENGL 1101	Composition I .....	3
<b>SPRING</b>		
NURS 1110	Nursing III- Medical/Surgical One .....	6
NURS 1113	Nursing IV- Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Across The Life Span.....	2
BIOL 2012	Human Anatomy & Physiology II .....	3
BIOL 2012L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab II .....	1
<b>SUMMER</b>		
COMM 1000	Oral Communication Skills .....	2
BIOL 2050	Principles Of Microbiology .....	3
BIOL 2050L	Principles Of Microbiology Lab .....	1
HIST 2112*	United States History II OR	
POLS 1101*	American Government .....	3
<b>FALL</b>		
NURS 2207	Nursing IV- Medical/Surgical Two .....	6
NURS 2208	Nursing V- Maternal-Child & Women's Health .....	4
ARTS 2213	Art Appreciation OR	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation OR	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation .....	3
<b>SPRING</b>		
NURS 2209	Nursing VI- Pediatrics .....	4
NURS 2210	Nursing VII- Medical/Surgical Three.....	4
NURS 2211	Nursing IX- Entry Into Professional Practice .....	3

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Physical Education as required.

\*For the course not taken, successful completion of the corresponding proficiency examination is required to meet the Georgia legislative requirements in Georgia and U.S. History and Georgia and U.S. Constitution.

**CURRICULUM FOR GENERIC TRACK  
STUDENTS ENTERING NURSING IN THE SPRING**

<b>COURSES</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>FALL</b>		
PNUR 1104	Pharmacology For Health Professions .....	2
PSYC 1101	Introduction To General Psychology .....	3
CISM 2201	Fundamentals Of Computer Applications.....	3
BIOL 2011	Human Anatomy & Physiology I .....	3
BIOL 2011L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab I.....	1
<b>SPRING</b>		
NURS 1108	Nursing I-Fundamentals.....	6
NURS 1109	Nursing II- Health & Physical Assessment.....	3
ENGL 1101	Composition I .....	3
<b>SUMMER</b>		
BIOL 2012	Human Anatomy & Physiology II .....	3
BIOL 2012L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab II .....	1
HIST 2112*	United States History II OR	
POLS 1101*	American Government .....	3
<b>FALL</b>		
NURS 1110	Nursing III- Medical/Surgical One.....	6
NURS 1113	Nursing IV- Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Across The Life Span.....	2
COMM 1000	Oral Communication Skills.....	2
BIOL 2050	Principles Of Microbiology .....	3
BIOL 2050L	Principles Of Microbiology Lab .....	1
<b>SPRING</b>		
NURS 2207	Nursing IV- Medical/Surgical Two .....	6
NURS 2208	Nursing V- Maternal-Child & Women's Health .....	4
ARTS 2213	Art Appreciation OR	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation OR	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation .....	3
<b>FALL</b>		
NURS 2209	Nursing VI- Pediatrics .....	4
NURS 2210	Nursing VII- Medical/Surgical Three.....	4
NURS 2211	Nursing IX- Entry Into Professional Practice .....	3

**TOTAL 69**

Physical Education as required

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**CURRICULUM FOR ONE YEAR REGISTERED NURSE PROGRAM TRACK**

<b>COURSES</b>	<b>SEMESTER</b>	<b>HOURS</b>
<b>SUMMER</b>		
BIOL 2011	Human Anatomy & Physiology I .....	3
BIOL 2011L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab I.....	1
ENGL 1101	Composition I .....	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction To General Psychology .....	3
<b>FALL</b>		
BIOL 2012	Human Anatomy & Physiology II .....	3
BIOL 2012L	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab II .....	1
PNUR 1104	Pharmacology For Health Professions .....	2
CISM 2201	Fundamentals Of Computer Applications.....	3
HIST 2112*	United States History II OR	
POLS 1101*	American Government .....	3
<b>SPRING</b>		
BIOL 2050	Principles Of Microbiology .....	3
BIOL 2050L	Principles Of Microbiology Lab .....	1
COMM 1000	Oral Communication Skills .....	2
ARTS 2213	Art Appreciation OR	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation OR	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation .....	3
<b>SUMMER</b>		
NURS 1109B	Nursing I- Health & Physical Assessment .....	3
NURS 1115B	Nursing II- Transition To Associate Degree Nursing.....	3
<b>FALL</b>		
NURS 2207B	Nursing III- Medical/Surgical Two .....	6
NURS 2208B	Nursing IV-Maternal-Child & Women’s Health .....	4
<b>SPRING</b>		
NURS 2209B	Nursing V- Pediatrics .....	4
NURS 2210B	Nursing VI- Medical/Surgical Three .....	4
NURS 2211B	Nursing VII- Entry Into Professional Practice .....	3
		<b>TOTAL 58</b>

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Students will be required to schedule a minimum of FOUR days during the two-year program for observation in specialty units (OR, Day Surgery, Endoscopy, etc).

\*For the course not taken, successful completion of the corresponding proficiency examination is required to meet the Georgia legislative requirements in Georgia and U.S. History and Georgia and U.S. Constitution.

### **Accrediting Agencies**

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237 Coliseum Drive  
Macon, GA 31217-3858  
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## ADVANCED CERTIFIED NURSE TECHNICIAN

Individuals who complete this certificate program will be skilled in the basics of age specific patient care and demonstrate the ability to recognize common physical abnormalities. They will be able to utilize the practical aspects of legal and ethical principles to communicate and perform both basic and advanced patient care skills. Satisfactory completion of the competencies of this certificate program will validate the individual's acquisition and application of the knowledge, skills, attitudes, behaviors and work ethic necessary for employment as patient care assistants in adult and pediatric care areas supervised by licensed health care personnel.

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

#### SEMESTER ONE

MATH 1002 Technical Mathematics .....	3
PNUR 1000 Introduction to Patient Care .....	3
PNUR 1001 Basic Patient Care Skills .....	3

#### SEMESTER TWO

ENGL 1101 Composition I .....	3
PNUR 1100 Advanced Patient Care .....	3
PNUR 1101 Advanced Patient Care Skills .....	4

**Total Hours 19**

### PROGRAM THEORETICAL OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this program will function under the supervision of a licensed health care provider and will be able to:

1. Demonstrate the ability to utilize basic therapeutic communication techniques to interact with pediatric and adult patients.
2. Recognize common physical abnormalities among a variety of age groups.
3. Report patient findings that have the potential to seriously jeopardize care or recovery.
4. Apply health care related legal and ethical principles to a variety of patient care situations.
5. Utilize knowledge of growth and development concepts to administer age specific care to patients.
6. Demonstrate the attitudes, behaviors and work ethic required to function as a part of the health care team.

### PROGRAM PSYCHOMOTOR SKILL OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this program will, under the supervision of a licensed health care worker, be able to:

1. Apply the principles of Standard Precautions and medical and surgical asepsis to the care of pediatric and adult patients.
2. Assess vital signs.
3. Perform clean and sterile dressing applications.
4. Obtain clean and sterile specimens for standard diagnostic tests.
5. Insert, monitor and discontinue an intermittent and indwelling urinary catheter.
6. Remove sutures and staples as directed.
7. Apply and monitor standard, external oxygen delivery appliances.
8. Utilize a pulse oximetry device to assess a patient's oxygenation status.
9. Administer cleansing enemas.

10. Perform hemocult testing.
11. Assess finger stick glucose levels utilizing bedside equipment.
12. Perform venapuncture for the purpose of diagnostic laboratory testing.
13. Assess both intermittent and continuous peripheral intravenous access sites.
14. Assist with patient positioning and activity skills.
15. Perform ostomy care.
16. Calculate and record simple patient intake and output measurements.
17. Apply the external monitoring devices commonly used in patient areas.

### **VALIDATION OF PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

This program will conclude with the successful completion of a supervised practicum of thirty hours in the clinical laboratory setting and the application of theoretical concepts and psychomotor skills. Successful completion and / or attainment of specific skills and theoretic competences will yield certification by the division.

### **STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION**

To enter the certificate program, a student must first be admitted to the college and exit all learning support requirements. Candidates for the certificate program must possess the communication, psychomotor and behavioral skills to perform in a safe and reasonably independent manner. Application for admission must be made through the division of nursing and health services. Preference will be given based upon application date. Applications will be good for one year.

### **ACADEMIC RETENTION AND PROGRESSION**

Students must achieve a C in all courses. Division of Nursing and Health Services courses may be repeated one (1) time only. PNUR 1101 (Advanced Patient Care Skills) will culminate with the student achieving a passing score of 70% on the theory portion of a certification examination and Satisfactory (S) on the Skills Performance Examination. Each portion of the certification examination may be repeated one (1) time only. The practicum experience of PNUR 1101 will occur following completion of the certification examination. Prior to beginning the practicum the student must complete number 7, 8 and 9 (with the exception of malpractice insurance) under Admission Requirements for the Associate Degree Program. Uniforms for the practicum will be required.